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DISTRICT OF KANSAS
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NOTICE TO COUNSEL REGARDING YEAR 2001
MOTIONS DOCKET CALENDAR AND INSTRUCTIONS
FOR NOTICING HEARINGS IN CASES
AT
WICHITA, KANSAS

Attached is the Year 2001 Motions Docket Calendar established for **non-evidentiary** hearings before the Honorable Julie A. Robinson and Robert E. Nugent at Wichita, Kansas, pursuant to D. Kan. LBR 9013.2 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Kansas. **Motions or objections filed in cases assigned to either judge are to be scheduled for these docket dates in Room 150, U.S. Courthouse, 401 N. Market, Wichita, Kansas,** and must be noticed by counsel giving sufficient time to comply with the Bankruptcy Code, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002, and the Local Rules of Practice and Procedure. Motions which require additional noticing time under the Bankruptcy Code, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002, or the Local Rules of Practice and Procedure **must comply with such requirements.** Counsel may be required to re-notice any motion not in compliance with the rules. Instructions for scheduling motions under this rule and proposed sample forms for your use are also attached.

If counsel becomes aware that the hearing time will require more than fifteen (15) minutes, a written notice should be filed with the Clerk's office stating that additional time may be needed for the hearing; however, this will not delete the matter from the docket. The matter will be specially set for a future date if the Court finds it necessary. The motion dockets are not designed for evidentiary hearings unless specifically granted by the Court.

Objection cut-off deadlines are included in the calendar. These deadlines (*with the exception of holidays*) are seven (7) calendar days prior to the established hearing dates. Notices which contain objection deadlines after the cut-off deadline will not be placed on that month's docket. All notices must include the actual date of the objection deadline. Objection deadlines set out merely as "20 days" will no longer be processed.

NOTE: Counsel are responsible for scheduling hearings using the calendar for Wichita Motions. If counsel is uncertain to whom a case is assigned, clarification may be obtained from the PACER or VCIS information systems, or from the Clerk's Office.

WICHITA, KANSAS YEAR 2001 MOTIONS DOCKET CALENDAR INSTRUCTIONS

1. HEARING DATES AND TIMES: The Court will conduct the motions docket on the second Thursday of each month (Except as noted on the Wichita Motions Docket Calendar For The Year 2001). Please refer to that motion calendar for hearing dates, times, and cut-off deadlines for motions and objections. All hearings will commence at the times set forth below, unless otherwise noted. Attendance by counsel is mandatory unless the parties submit an agreed Journal Entry to the Court at least one (1) business day prior to the hearing. Failure to appear may result in sanctions, the dismissal of your motion, or the granting of other default relief.

Chapter 7 motions will commence at 9:00 a.m. Chapter 11 and Chapter 12 motions will commence at 10:30 a.m. Chapter 13 motions will commence at 1:30 p.m. In the event the 1:30 p.m. Chapter 13 docket is not concluded by 3:30 p.m., the Court will recess for fifteen minutes and reconvene promptly at 3:45 p.m.

2. PROCEDURE: In addition to the motion, counsel will also be required to prepare (1) a Notice form as set out in paragraphs A or B below, and (2) a Certificate of Service of the motion and notice to opposing counsel, the panel trustee, U.S. Trustee, and all parties required by the Rules to be noticed. The two types of notices are described below and sample forms are attached. For use in adversary proceedings, the forms must be modified to comply with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7010.

A. NOTICE WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR NONEVIDENTIARY HEARING (*Sample A*): This form will be sent with a copy of the motion. It states that unless an objection is filed in writing with the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court on or before the date of the objection deadline (date for filing objections may be calculated by allowing twenty (20) days from the date of mailing, except where additional time is required: the actual date is to be reflected in notice), the motion will be granted by entry of an order to be prepared and submitted by counsel for movant within ten (10) days of the objection deadline. NO court hearing is necessary unless an objection is timely filed. If an objection is timely filed, the motion will be heard at the date and time shown on the notice, provided counsel has copied with all noticing instructions. No objection date may extend past the objection cut-off deadline as noted on the hearing calendar. Any untimely-filed objections will be brought to the Court's attention.

B. NOTICE OF NONEVIDENTIARY HEARING ON MOTION (*Sample B*): This form will be sent with a copy of the motion, which places the matter directly on the motions docket. An objection deadline of at least seven (7) business days prior to the hearing date must be established and the specific date thereof set out within the notice. With this type of notice, the issue(s) will be heard unless an agreed journal entry is filed or the Court directs that the matter should be set for pre-trial or evidentiary hearing. Counsel for movant must give parties ten (10) clear working days notice prior to the motions docket, except where additional notice time is required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Fed. R. Bankr. P., or the Local Rules of Practice and Procedure. No objection deadline may extend past the objection cut-off deadline as noted on the hearing calendar, and no motion filed after the cut-off deadline will be placed on the docket for that month. Counsel for movant will be expected to appear for the scheduled hearing unless an agreed journal entry executed by all parties is submitted 24 hours in advance.

3. MOTIONS FOR RELIEF FROM STAY UNDER 11 U.S.C. §362(d) / THIRTY DAY

REQUIREMENTS OF 11 U.S.C. § 362(e): Motions for Relief from Stay may be accompanied by a Notice With Opportunity for Nonevidentiary Hearing or a Notice of Nonevidentiary Hearing which places the matter directly on the court's motions docket. A motion for relief from stay may be combined with a request for adequate protection. The inclusion in the motion of a request for any other relief or the setting of such motion pursuant to D. Kan. LBR 9013.2 for a docket more than thirty (30) days from filing of the motion shall constitute a waiver of the thirty (30) day requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 362(e). Any hearing on a motion for relief from stay appearing on the motions docket within such thirty (30) days shall be considered a preliminary hearing and movant's failure to request that the final hearing be concluded within thirty (30) days thereafter shall constitute a similar waiver.

4. FILING REQUIREMENTS: Counsel shall file with the Clerk the original and two (2) copies of the motion, notice and certificate of service. All pleadings are to be sent for filing to: CLERK, U. S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, 167 U. S. Courthouse, 401 N. Market, Wichita, Kansas 67202. If a return copy is desired, counsel should provide an extra copy and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Counsel are reminded that the required filing fees must accompany the motion. These procedures will have no effect on the filing fees required by 28 U. S. C. § 1930. No stipulated order will be accepted without the prior filing of a motion. The attorney for the movant must amend and promptly notify all parties of any errors made in noticing of hearings of the docket calendar by filing the appropriate amended notice.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORDERS: All orders submitted to the Court for signature should include, just prior to signatories, the following: "Dated this _____ day of _____, ____." A hearing date should be included in the body of the order only if there has been an actual hearing. If the order is submitted on a matter noticed out with opportunity for hearing, no objections filed and no hearing held, the order should so recite. All orders must have the following information at the top of a page bearing only signatures: 1) Name of court; 2) Case caption, case number and chapter; and 3) Name or caption of the order and page number. Unless otherwise directed, orders are due ten (10) days from the date of an actual hearing or, if noticed with an objection deadline and absent an objection, ten (10) days from expiration of the objection deadline. Orders should be mailed to the Clerk, not to the Judge. The Clerk will monitor the timely submission of all orders and follow up on the same. Failure to submit Orders within ten (10) days will result in the case being placed on the Show Cause Docket, at which time counsel must appear to explain to the Court why he or she has failed to submit the Order on time. If counsel cannot meet such deadline, a Motion for Extension of Time stating the reasons for such request must be filed prior to the expiration thereof, accompanied by a proposed Order Granting Extension of Time.

6. NOTICING REQUIREMENTS: All notice and objection deadlines must comply with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Fed. R. Bankr. Procedure, and the Local Rules of Practice and Procedure. Reference to the following Fed. R. Bankr. P. will be helpful:

2002. Notices to Creditors, Equity Security Holders, United States, and U.S. Trustee.

(a). Twenty-day Notices to Parties in Interest (all creditors, etc.).

(b). Twenty-five day Notices to Parties in Interest (all creditors, etc.).

9006. Time. (a). Computation. (b). Enlargement. (c). Reduction.

Appendix A to Bankruptcy Rules re: Time Frames Under the Fed. R. Bankr. P.

7. MISCELLANEOUS PROCEDURAL CONCERNS:

(A). The name, address, telephone number and State Supreme Court number of each attorney shall be typed or printed under all signatures on any pleading submitted in this Court.

(B). Counsel are reminded that Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as is made applicable to bankruptcy applies to all pleadings. Attorneys signing pleadings that do not state a valid legal or factual basis may be subject to sanctions. "General denial" objections which contain no basis with the Court's denial of the relief requested by the movant are strictly discouraged.

(C). Counsel filing timely objections or responses in a divisional office other than the Wichita office will be required to serve a notice of continuance on parties if the objection is not received in Wichita by Thursday prior to docket week.

(D). TOPEKA AND KANSAS CITY CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE NUGENT: Unless prior arrangements are made among all counsel and Court, motions filed in Topeka and Kansas City cases which have been assigned to Judge Nugent will be referred to the Wichita Clerk's Staff for placement on the Wichita motions docket on the dates set forth above and should be processed pursuant to the foregoing instructions. Upon timely request of counsel made to a Wichita courtroom deputy and Judge Nugent's schedule permitting, such motions may be taken up in another division courthouse or via video conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ JULIE A. ROBINSON
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

/s/ ROBERT E. NUGENT
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE